

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 8, 2006**

PRESENT: Bob Aebli, Valerie Allen, Latrice Briggs, Todd Campbell Lorie Goeser, Sandra Graham, Gail Kinney, Kevin Knudson, Tony Moore, Vicky Quintanilla, Ann Marie Starr, Michael Waupoose, Sheila Weix, Kathryn Wolf

EXCUSED: Sheryl Graeber, Sally Tess, Cesar Mejia, Sterlon White

STAFF: Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions; Dennis Schuh, Legal Gina York, Bureau Assistant, and other DRL staff

GUESTS: Mark Herstand, NASW-WI; Susan Endres, DHFS; Michael Kemp, WAADAC; Wolfgang Wallschlaeger, WAADAC; Kathy Way, WPN/WCH

CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. There was a quorum of fourteen members present at today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda:

None.

MOTION: Shelia Weix moved, seconded by Michael Waupoose, to approve the agenda of March 8, 2006 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Amendments to the Minutes:

None.

MOTION: Sandra Graham moved, seconded by Ann Marie Starr, to approve the minutes of February 2, 2006 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, informed the Committee that Dennis Schuh, Legal Counsel, Larry Martin, DRL Legislative Liaison, and himself went to the legislature on March 7, 2006 to promote remedial legislation to Act 25.

NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGES

Mr. Scanlan provided a copy of the revised meeting dates for 2006 for the Committee to keep and use as a reference. Mr. Scanlan shared with the Committee that there may be a problem with the April 13, 2006 date and if that is the case the Committee will then meeting on the May 2006 date, Mr. Scanlan will notify all members via email on the final decision regarding the April date.

FOLLOW UP TO THE FEBRUARY 2, 2006 CORE VALUE/TEAM BUILDING EXERCISE, RECAP AND ADDITIONAL TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Sandra Graham did a follow up and recap with the Committee regarding the core value and team building exercise from the last meeting. Ms. Graham asked members to share hopes and fears they may have about this process.

REVIEW OF EMERGENCY DRAFT RULES RL 164.01 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Dennis Schuh, Legal Counsel, reviewed with the Committee the emergency draft rules at today's meeting. Attorney Schuh informed the Committee these rules would be in publication within approximately five days. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee provided specific revisions and took the following action.

MOTION: Shelia Weix moved, seconded by Robert Aebli, to approve the emergency draft rules 164.01 regarding unprofessional conduct with (2)(m) amended to two years. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION BASIC SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR EXAMINATION

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, reviewed the information provided by Barbara Showers, Office of Education and Examinations, and a handout by Sheryl Graeber regarding the basic substance abuse counselor exam. The Committee looked at current avenues being used by individuals now entering the profession. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee will gather additional information and discuss exam issues further at their next meeting.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE REGISTERED ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR (RADC) CREDENTIAL

The Committee discussed various options and levels of licensure at today's meeting. They explored criteria and core competencies expected for each level of licensure. Jeff Scanlan will review concerns brought forth by the Committee and will provide additional information regarding qualifications at their next meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUNCTION OF THE ELEMENTS TEST FOR TRAINING LICENSURE AND TEST OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The Committee looked at the Elements Test and the Florida State Exam. The Committee would like more information regarding what other states are doing. Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, will gather additional information on examinations. The Committee's goal is to choose the best alternative keeping the short time frames and meeting the needs of the substance abuse profession. Dennis Schuh, Legal Counsel, also discussed with the Committee what they believe the role of the supervisor should be and urged them to begin considering if a possible increase in supervisory requirements is needed to ensure accountability. Mr. Scanlan will place this topic on the next Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE REQUEST DENNIS SCHUH, LEGAL COUNSEL

Dennis Schuh, Legal Counsel, discussed the status of the proposed remedial legislation with the Committee. He stated it could go before the Senate Committee the following week. Attorney Schuh will notify Committee members of the assigned bill number when it is available. The new legislation may change the effective date for implementation to Dec. 15, 2006.

FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING TRANSFER OF LICENSURE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED, ADDITIONAL ISSUES, NEXT STEPS AND SOLUTIONS

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, did a recap with the Committee at today's meeting. He will provide a written list of issues and problems identified for the Committee to work from at their next meeting.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE PROPOSED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR REGULATIONS DENNIS SCHUH, LEGAL COUNSEL

Dennis Schuh, Legal Counsel, asked the Committee for guidance on how to best define supervision. Attorney Schuh provided the draft language of Chapter 1 and the Committee

Oreviewed it during today's meeting. Committee members expressed that this change is a major issue and there needs to be clarification between the role of the supervisor and the role of the agency. Language will need to reflect who will be responsible in bringing the individual to competency. Other issues discussed were to define clinical supervision verses employment supervision, funding and availability to acquire training, and to look at WCB's best practices guidelines as a starting point.

IC&RC SPRING MEETING AGENDA

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, shared with the Committee the IC & RC spring meeting agenda. Mr. Scanlan is planning on attending and shared that one of the main topics for discussion will be reciprocity. He will provide a report back to the Committee upon his return.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, provided to Committee members a copy of their appointment sheets and routed the roster for members to make any revisions if necessary. Mr. Scanlan will forward roster changes to Roxanne Peterson to ensure changes are made to all necessary documents.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sheila Weix moved, seconded by Michael Waupoose, to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.